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HEREWITH REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO/ACTION IS CAPE TOWN 1062  
SENT PRETORIA, DURBAN, JOHANNESBURG DATED 21 SEPT

QUOTE: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CAPE TOWN 1062

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TAGS: SCUL, SF

SUBJ: US WOMEN'S GYMNASTIC TEAM TO COMPETE IN SOUTH AFRICA

1. AN OFFICIAL OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION HERE, MR. HEINIE TALJAARD VISITED CONGEN LAST WEEK TO INFORM US THAT MEMBERS OF THE US WOMEN'S GYMNASTIC TEAM WHICH COMPETED AT OLYMPIC GAMES IN MONTERAL WILL BE PERFORMING AGAINST SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL TEAM IN OCTOBER AT JOHANNESBURG, BLOEMFONTEIN AND STELLENBOSCH. HIS PURPOSE IN CALLING WAS TO INFORM US IN EVENT WE WANTED TO ARRANGE ANY "HOSPITALITY" FOR THE GROUP.

2. IN RESPONSE TO CONGEN OFF'S QUESTIONS, HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW ENTIRE SCHEDULE. TEAM WOULD ARRIVE CAPE TOWN NIGHT OF OCTOBER 7 AND GIVE ONE PERFORMANCE AT D.F. MALAN STADIUM AT UNIVERSITY OF STELLENBOSCH ON OCTOBER 9. HE THOUGHT THEY WOULD GO TO JOHANNESBURG AND BLOEMFONTEIN FIRST BUT WAS NOT CERTAIN. IN RESPONSE TO OTHER QUESTIONS, HE SAID HE WAS NOT SURE OF FINANCING BUT DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION WAS SPONSORING TOUR AND HE ASSUMED WAS PROVIDING SOME FINANCING. PERFORMANCE AT STELLENBOSCH WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE FOR MULTI-RACIAL AUDIENCE SINCE STADIUM WAS "PRIVATE" I.E., BELONGS TO UNIVERSITY)

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AND WAS NOT "EQUIPPED" FOR MULTI-RACIAL GATHERINGS.

3. CONGEN OFF THANKED MR. TALJAARD FOR THE INFORMATION AND BRIEFLY NOTED THAT USG POLICY TOWARD SUCH SPORTING EVENTS IS THAT THEY ARE ESSENTIALLY PRIVATE MATTER NOT REQUIRING ANY OFFICIAL ACTION.

4. WE DO NOT RPT NOT PLAN TO ATTEND THE PERFORMANCE IN STELLENBOSCH. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE INFORMED PLEASE REPEAT.

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